

FISCAL NOTE

HB 4200 - SB 4201

March 5, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the Tennessee Medical Examiner Advisory Council; grants rulemaking authority to the Commissioner of Health to establish fees for autopsies, guidelines for death investigations and forensic autopsies, and other costs and services; expands the duties of the Chief Medical Examiner to include developing and supplying training to county medical examiners and investigators, establishes his or her term in office, and grants investigative authority; expands the reporting of deaths to include additional types of deaths; requires all facilities that perform autopsies to be accredited by the National Association of Medical Examiners by June 30, 2009; authorizes the removal and retention of samples for investigation and autopsy; and establishes a uniform method of selecting a county medical examiner.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$60,000

(Funding of \$60,000 is included in the Governor's FY08-09 Recommended Budget)

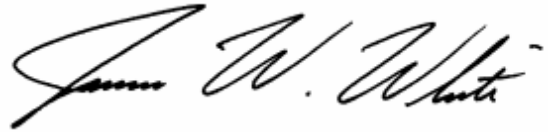
Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will contract with three deputy state medical examiners at a cost of \$15,000 each resulting in an increase in expenditures of \$45,000 (\$15,000 x 3).
- The Medical Examiners Office will provide initial and continuing education training sessions for county medical examiners and medical investigators across the state resulting in an estimated increase in expenditures of \$10,000.
- Travel reimbursement to the members of the Medical Examiner Advisory Council is estimated at \$5,000.
- According to the Department of Finance and Administration, the \$60,000 estimated fiscal impact of this bill is included in the \$1,000,000 improvement to the medical examiners program in the FY08-09 Budget Document.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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